

Cardinal- Hickory Creek

TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

Jan. 18, 2022

JOINT RESPONSE TO FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT FOR WESTERN WISCONSIN RULING ON THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) CASE

American Transmission Co., ITC Midwest and Dairyland Power Cooperative

Following the Federal District Court ruling on Jan. 14, the preliminary injunction issued by the Court on Nov. 1 remains in place. The opinion issued on Jan. 14 has no immediate impact on the co-owners' ability to continue construction activities pursuant to the terms of the preliminary injunction order. The judge requested the parties provide briefs on remedies and language for a final judgment by Jan. 24, 2022. Sometime after that date, the Court can be expected to issue an order based on the opinion and the briefing. The utilities are committed to completing this project, which will reduce energy costs, improve electric grid reliability, relieve congestion on the transmission system, support decarbonization goals and help support the interconnection of renewable generation in the Upper Midwest.